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SUBJECT: BIO DATA ON CHANG SANG MOON

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1. AS ITS NEW AMBASSADOR TO STOCKHOLM, THE ROKG HAS
SELECTED THE NUMBER THREE MAN IN MOFA, ASSISTANT
MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS CHANG SANG MOON.
CHANG WAS BORN IN PUSAN, KOREA, ON DECEMBER 6, 1922
AND GRADUATED FROM PUSAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN
1950. HE WORKED FOR A TOTAL OF TWELVE YEARS FOR USG
ENTITIES INCLUDING THE UNC AND USIS. A FOREIGN
SERVICE OFFICER SINCE 1958, HE HAS HELD SEVERAL
IMPORTANT FOREIGN AFFAIRS POSITIONS, IN 1964-65,
AS HEAD OF THE MOFA EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN AFFAIRS
BUREAU, HE PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN NEGOTIATING THE
US-ROK SOFA. FROM 1968 TO 1970 HE WAS A PRESIDENTIAL
SECRETARY. HE WAS DIRECTOR OF THE MOFA BUREAU OF
PROTOCOL FROM 1970 TO 1972, WHEN HE WAS NAMED
DEPUTY VICE FOREIGN MINISTER. HIS POSITION WAS
RE-DESIGNATED ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR POLITICAL
AFFAIRS IN EARLY 1973, DURING REORGANIZATION
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OF THE MINISTRY.

2. CHANG HAS HAD TWO OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENTS, AS FIRST SECRETARY OF THE ROK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IN 1961-62 AND AS ROK CONSUL GENERAL IN HONG KONG IN 1966-67. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF SEVERAL ROK UN DELEGATIONS AND HAS ALSO LEAD SPECIAL ROK MISSIONS TO A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ALL OF THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES. STOCKHOLM WILL BE CHANG'S FIRST AMBASSADORIAL POST, ALTHOUGH HE HAS HELD THE PERSONAL RANK OF AMBASSADOR SINCE 1970.

3. AMBASSADOR CHANG HAS LONG HAD CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND HAS A FRIENDLY, MODEST MANNER. HE IS MARRIED AND WILL BE ACCOMPNAIED TO STOCKHOLM BY HIS WIFE AND TWO DAUGHTERS.
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